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Dear Mr. Watson,

Mr. Neil Harris suggested in a letter of April 23, 1974 that I let you know of the developments in Maryland for the fiftieth Anniversary of National Coin Week.

Here is the sequence of events as they occurred.

March 19th Meeting of Colonial Coin Club of Annapolis, Md. I suggested that Colonial Coin Club join with Maryland State Numismatic Assoc. Inc. in petitioning Governor Marvin Mandel to declare April 21-27th National Coin Week in Md. The motion was approved. President John L. Kipp of The Colonial Coin Club agreed to accompany me to visit the Gov. and seek his support.

I called the Governors office and was informed by his Sect. Mrs. Mayfield that the proper procedure was to write a letter to governor requesting the proclamation. This Call was on March 20th. 1974. She said the Gov. would set a date for the ceremonial presentation and let us know.

March 20th I wrote the letter to Governor and With a power of Attorney from John L. Kipp, also signed for him and Colonial Coin Club when we learned our request had to be made by mail.

Heard nothing by April 2nd so I phoned the Gov's. Sect and was informed the proclamation would be signed by the Gov. but because the State Legislation was in it's last days and the Gov. was busy with Budget and other bills there would be no ceremonial presentation and the Proclamation would be mailed to me.

April 5th, Received the Proclamation from the Gov. I called his office for an extra copy of the proclamation as the Md. State Numismatic Assoc. and Colonial Coin Club were planning two exhibits in Annapolis Banks and Savings and Loan offices. This request was honored by the Gov.'s Sect.

The Same day the Proclamation was taken to the printers and stuffers were ordered on a rush basis, reproducing the proclamation on one side and a picture and story about Evergreen House on the campus of Johns-Hopkins in which is housed one of Americas greatest Coin Collections. (Copy enclosed). To reproduce this I called Coinage Magazine , managing editor to obtain permission to reproduce.

These inserts went in our quarterly bulletin, which were simultaneously coming off the press.

April 8th I contacted the Anne Arundel Times and The Evening Capital newspapers and gave them the story. The first named is a weekly and the latter a dailey. Both Papers published the article in a reduced form the Times on Thursday the 11th and The Evening Capital on Sat the 13th. I also sent the Same Article to Other papers throughout the State, such as the Sun and the Evening Sun in Baltimore and the Washington Post and the Washington Star News in Washington D. C. I also sent duplicates of the press release to M.S.N.A. Officers and Area Representatives (5) throughout the state and asked them to seek publicity in their areas.

As a result exhibits were set up in the Salisbury Md. Mall on Saturday April 27th. Five different persons worked on these exhibits and furnished their own material for the displays.

Melvin H. Widerman, Treasurer of M.S.N.A set up a very nice display in The Commercial and Farmers Bank of Ellicott City, Md.

I arranged for an Exhibit in the Farmers National Bank in Annapolis Md. which featured The Collector, Norman Rockwell oil print by the Franklin mint for members of the Franklin mint Collectors Society, a set of Twentieth Century in Glass Frame., The Governors Proclamation, Framed : a set of twentieth century Gold Coins in \$2.50, \$5.00. \$10.00 and \$20.00 denominations . An old interest bearing note of \$5.00 Denom. issued by the Farmers Bank of Annapolis (before it became a National Bank. The original Bank was founded in 1805) and the displayed note was on the Easton, Md. Branch (the Branch in Easton no longer exists but the Main Bank is still going strong) This note was issued in 1827. The Bank wants very much to buy this old note from me. Six coin Clubs in Maryland timed their annual Coin Shows to coincide with the dates of National Coin Week , They were the Western Maryland Coin Club of Cumberland Md. Held in the FortCumberland Hotel in Cumb.Md. The Fort Coin Club of Fort Meade, Md. held their show in the Holliday Inn Laurel, Md. and the Associated Coin Clubs; The Hamilton Coin Club of Baltimore City and Three Suburban Baltimore County and Harford County suburbs, namely the Harford Coin Huskers, The Middle River Coin Club and The Perry Hall Coin Club.

The Exhibits at the Salisbury, Md. Mall included four pannels of U.S. Paper Money, plus many interesting U.S. and Foreign Coin Displays .

These Displays as well as special Exhibits throughout the State of Md. Attracted wide spread interest in National Coin Week and elicited many favorable comments wherever they were on display.

The Coin Shows drew well and were fine successes in all localities.

A sepearte list of persons entitled to certificates of recognition from A.N.a. is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
Md. State Numismatic Assoc. Inc.
by *Henry K. Westphal*
Henry K. Westphal, Pres.

P.S. This letter was interupted by a slight emergency (cut finger) and was completed 5/8/74 sorry for delay.